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## **MEMORANDUM**

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To: All NSLP Sponsors

From: Pat Cook and Katherine Stewart, RD, CPFM

Office of Child Nutrition and School Health Nutrition Education Program Consultants

Subject: Monitoring SFA Implementation of HACCP-Based Food Safety Programs

The Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004 required implementation of a school food safety program. Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) anticipates that by now most School Food Authority (SFAs) have implemented or are close to completing implementation of the program at each food preparation and service facility under their jurisdiction. The guidance material intended to help SFAs develop the food safety program was distributed to all SFAs in June 2005 ("Guidance for School Food Authorities: Developing a School Food Safety Program Based on the Process Approach to HACCP Principles").

The School Meal Initiative (SMI) review forms have been revised and the Coordinated Review Effort (CRE) instruction manual is being revised to incorporate food safety in the general review area. Until revised CRE instructions are issued, State Agencies (SAs) shall take the following steps to confirm implementation of the food safety program:

 Review the written food safety program to ensure that it follows the FNS guidance cited above. (Although the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) recommends that SFAs follow the Process Approach to Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points (HACCP), they may use the traditional approach to HACCP, if the resulting food safety program is consistent with the June 2005 guidance.) The food safety program must address Standard Operating Procedures and the HACCP principles described in the guidance.

2.	Examine food	safety re	cords	from the	reviev	w site to dete	rmine if th	ne writter	n program is o	peration	onal
	Documents to	review	may	include	food	preparation	process	charts,	temperature	logs,	and
	descriptions of standard operating procedures.							•	-		

3.	Review	HACCP	training	plans	and	records	to	assess	their	adequacy	and	to	verify	employ	ee
	participa	ation.													

4.	Monitor SFA	Implementation	of HACCP-Base	d Food Safety	/ Program

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